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TO FFA MEMBERS

BY J. EARL FRICK, JR.

One of the largest delegations on record represented South Carolina at the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, November 13-16, 1991. President George Bush welcomed the group of more than 27,000 SCFFA members and guests to an exciting opening session on Wednesday. A number of FFA members and chapters received national awards and participated in contests to demonstrate skills gained through their studies in agricultural education. Congratulations to the winners, many of whom you will see highlighted in this issue of the magazine. A special thanks and congratulations goes to Patrick Stone, a member from the Johnsonville FFA chapter, who placed second in the National FFA Prepared Public Speaking contest. Patrick successfully completed six eliminations to speak before the National Convention, and brought a lot of pride and recognition to our

state. Speaking is just one of many activities that FFA members can demonstrate leadership skills gained through participation in agricultural education and the FFA organization.

FFA members should begin now to complete and submit applications in the contest and awards program. Qualified members can participate in agricultural proficiency awards, the State and American FFA degree program, public speaking, parliamentary procedure and a number of state-sponsored events. Your agriculture education teacher can assist you in determining those awards for which you qualify. Work hard to become the best you can be in your special areas of interest, and participate in the FFA organization to gain recognition for your skills. We plan to see you on the stage at Clemson at the State FFA Convention in June to recognize your efforts.

TO YOUNG FARMERS

BY STEVE WILLIS

The South Carolina Young Farmer Association will hold its 44th annual convention on January 17-18, 1992, at the Sheraton Charleston Hotel in Charleston. The convention will begin with registration at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, followed by a reception, and the production awards banquet begins at 7:00 p.m.

Awards to be presented include the Farm Service Center award, along with Corn, Soybean, Cotton, Livestock, Forest Management, and Energy Efficiency awards. The featured speaker is Morris Jones of Saluda, South Carolina.

Chapter awards and Young Farmer of the Year will be presented Saturday evening. Case IH will also present a tractor to the new State President during this banquet.

The state officer team has arranged for a casino/auction again this year to take place from 9:30 - midnight as entertainment. This was a big hit last year!

The Convention Attendance Award in the amount of \$50.00 will go to the chapter with the largest number of Young Farmers attending all sessions of the convention. The score will be counted at one point per person for each session attending, including the banquets, exhibits and luncheons. In addition, so that Young Farmers and their families can enjoy the area and do what they want to do, we purposely put in some free time on Saturday afternoon.

This is the first year in a long while that the convention has been held in Charleston. With Charleston as one of the most historic cities in South Carolina and a reputation of fine food, excellent recreation, and many shops, the executive committee is sure that your visit will be a memorable one. Best of all, the two days provide an excellent opportunity to renew acquaintances and meet new friends. So, Young Farmers, plan to bring the family for a nice weekend at Charleston later this month.

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Cover Photo: South Carolina FFA members and advisors pose for 64th National Convention group picture.

West Oak Hosts Draft Horse Show



These draft horses and visitors were part of the West Oak FFA chapter's second annual "Good Ol' Days" Draft Horse Celebration on November 9. According to advisor Steve Willis, a total of 21 draft animals were on hand to entertain the 1,000 visitors that came to the school. Buggy, wagon and pony rides were offered at no charge to them and demonstrations of plowing, mowing, discing and pulling were on-going all day. The petting zoo of goats, chickens, rabbits, pigs and a small dairy heifer was a favorite attraction for children. Admission to the event is free, but chapter sells food and drinks to raise chapter funds.

February 15-22 is FFA Week

"FFA - Leadership for a Growing Planet" is the theme of National FFA Week next month. According to J. Earl Frick of Columbia, SCFFA Executive Secretary, nearly 5,000 South Carolina members will join in the week's activities.

Nationwide, nearly one-half million Future Farmers celebrate the week-long activities directed toward promoting the aims of agricultural education, the FFA organization, and the great variety of careers available in the subject area.

"We are proud of the FFA and the ideals and leadership it stimulates." He urges chapter advisors and leaders to plan FFA Week programs that emphasize the traditional values of FFA to the school and to the community.

Outdoor billboards and public service announcements for radio and television will highlight statewide activities. Local FFA chapters will sponsor community and school programs.

FFA Week is traditionally observed during the week of George Washington's birthday in respect of his great leadership skills and innovative practices in agriculture.

1992 FFA Competitive Events

Event	Date	Place
Soils	March 21	Edistor Research & Education Ctr, Blackville
Livestock	April 11	Clemson
Forest Products	April 11	Manchester State Park, Sumter
Field Day	April 11	Camp Long
Forestry	May 9	Clemson
SC FFA Convention	June 10-12	Clemson

AG EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Scholarships up to \$1,000 are available to undergraduate students majoring in agricultural education and planning to teach agriculture. The James H. Daniels Scholarship was established last year. Others include the J. H. Talbert Award, the Moody Godley Scholarship and the Brown-Rogers Scholarship. For more information, contact Dr. Glen C. Shinn, 112 P & A BUILDING, Clemson University, Clemson, SC 29634-0356; telephone 656-3300.

AG EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS, ASSISTANTSHIPS AVAILABLE

The Bridgestone/Firestone Trust Fund has funded a three-year graduate assistantship in agricultural education at Clemson. The assistantship is designed to encourage the development of materials for Agriculture in the Classroom and to assist in agricultural literacy. For more information, contact Dr. Glen C. Shinn, 112 P & A BUILDING, Clemson University, Clemson, SC 29634-0356; telephone 656-3300.



Strom Thurmond FFA Repairs 1918 Hay Baler

This 1918 hay baler, owned by Keith Williams of Edgefield and featured in the Edgefield town Christmas parade last month, was put back into functional use by FFA advisor Ken Chapman and students in his ag mechanics class. Owner Williams furnished the materials for the project which took two years to complete. Shown with Chapman are FFA members Hamp Holmes, Bubba Wates, Brandon Glaze and Kelly Thomas. The baler will be used as a promotion for the South Agra Feed and Seed Store in Edgefield.

IN MEMORIUM

Frank L. Barton of Columbia, S.C.

Barton, former agriculture teacher and supervisor of agriculture education for 22 years, died November 24. He was retired from the Federal Land Bank and Federal Intermediate Credit Banks as senior vice president and secretary.



The Honorable George Bush motivates FFA members to work for excellence in education and to keep America competitive.



South Carolina's Patrick Stone of Johnsonville speaks to a packed auditorium Friday night as part of the National Prepared Public Speaking Contest.



SCFFA President Will Harman directs the South Carolina delegation on the convention floor.

Almost 27,000 FFA'ers visited downtown Kansas City during the 64th National FFA Convention.

SCFFA Shares in National Convention

For the 260 SCFFA members who attended, the 64th National FFA Convention in November was a memorable one of addresses. President George Bush addressed the convention on Wednesday afternoon, asking for the FFA's assistance in achieving America's educational goals. On Friday night, Patrick Stone of Johnsonville presented his topic "Genetic Engineering" before a capacity crowd and took second place in the 1991 National Prepared Public Speaking Contest.

According to Hugh P. McClimon, state supervisor of agricultural education, Stone's win was significant. "Stone got South Carolina national recognition for his work. I can't recall anyone placing this high in at least ten years." Stone, a freshman at Clemson University, received a plaque and cash award for his efforts.

Ten Future Farmers received the American FFA Degree. They were Gennie L. Capps, Tyler Epps, Bruce Altman, Scott Everett, Jason Poston, Charles Richardson, Todd Williams, Charles R. Kitchens, Steven B. Shirley, and Gregg Thomas.

Official delegates who served as voting delegates on business to come before the convention were the following state officers: Will Harman, President; Lee Mayfield, Secretary; Terri Williams, Greg Padgett, Tony Pope and Walter Lee High, Vice Presidents. Harman was also the SCFFA flag bearer in the convention ceremonies.

Faithé DesChamps of Furman-Manchester Chapter participated in the National Chorus. Ricky Gammage of Dorman was an American Royal Student Ambassador.

Four FFA Chapters received National Chapter Awards: McBee (Silver), Clover (Bronze), Furman-Manchester (Bronze), and Pleasant Hill (Bronze). BOAC awards went to five chapters: Strom Thurmond (Silver), Hillcrest-Sumter (Silver), B. J. Skelton (Silver), Furman-Manchester (Bronze), and McBee (Bronze). National Chapter Safety Awards went to Travelers Rest (Bronze), Berea (Bronze) and Furman-Manchester (Bronze).





Lexington County was represented by members and advisors from Pelion, Gilbert and Lexington High Schools.



SCFFA official delegates Walter Lee High, Greg Padgett and Lee Mayfield show their enthusiasm for the convention.

Honors at Kansas City

SCFFA chapters competed in 6 National FFA Contests. The contests, chapters and members were:

Agricultural Mechanics: Edisto - Russ Jameson, Todd Rickenbaker, Wesley Thompson, Alan Nettles and George Ulmer, advisor.

Farm Business Management: Stacey Bazen, Brad Richardson, Ross Richardson and Jerry Pace, advisor.

Floriculture: Marcus Ray Smith, Nan Johnson, Ashley Bryant and Tommy Harmon, advisor.

Forestry: Genni Impson, Christina Williamson, Alena Eddleman, Brian Vaughn and Clark Woods, advisor.

Livestock: Clint Brown, Jari Johnson, Danny Shepherd and Allen Williams, advisor.

Nursery/Landscape: Larry Wayne Mixon, Brandon Chad Wingard, Tony Long and Tommy Harmon, advisor.



Furman/Manchester advisor Drefus Williams poses with one of his students, Faihthe DesChamps, a member of the national chorus.



Crescent students Tonya Simpson, Jennifer Simpson and Laurie Craft try on souvenir caps at the trade show.



Hillcrest (Sumter) advisor William Keels talks with some of his chapter members in front of the Ford original Bigfoot monster truck, one of the 400 exhibits of the convention's agricultural career show.



The Wagener-Salley Chapter's Livestock Judging Team represented SCFFA at the National FFA Convention. Shown with Don Mauery of Purina Mills, sponsor of the award, are team members Clint Brown, Danny Sheppard, Jari Johnson, advisors Allen Williams, and Daniel Shussler.

NATIONAL CONTEST WINNERS



The Lexington Technical Center Chapter's Floriculture Team represented SCFFA at the National FFA Convention. Shown with Susan Alberts of Ortho Consumer Products, sponsor of the award, are Nan Johnson, Ashley Bryant, Marcus Smith, Shelly Logan and advisor Tommy Harmon.



The Lexington Technical Center Chapter's Nursery/Landscape Team represented SCFFA at the National FFA Convention. Shown with Chris Flock of Kubota Tractor, Clint Albin of American Association of Nurserymen, and Dennis Niemeyer of Rhone-Poulenc Ag Company are team members Chad Wingard, Wayne Mixon, Tony Long, and advisor Tommy Harmon.



The Hillcrest (Greenville) Chapter's Forestry Team represented SCFFA at the National FFA Convention. Team members are Genni Impson, Alena Eddleman, Christina Williamson and Brian Vaughn.



The Travelers Rest Chapter won a Bronze Emblem in the National Safety Award Program at the National FFA Convention. Darin Drawinger of Equipment Manufacturers Institute, sponsor of the award, congratulates team members Susan Bannister, James Dunn and advisor Glenn Stevens.



The Furman/Manchester Chapter won a Bronze Emblem in the National Safety Award Program at the National FFA Convention. Darin Drawinger of Equipment Manufacturers Institute, sponsor of the award, congratulates team members Brian McLeod, Clint Plyer and advisor Drefus Williams.



Charter buses were ready to take students to and from the Kansas City airport.



Dorman members get their instructions from advisor F. M. Bridwell in the Howard Johnson lobby, a popular meeting place.



Kirby Player and members of the Clemson Collegiate FFA spent long hours at the Clemson booth in the trade show.

SCFFA Members Comment On National Convention

"I did not really understand the meaning of FFA until I went to the National Convention...I am proud to be a member of the FFA."

Michelle Hare, West-Oak Chapter

"What really impressed me this year were the retiring addresses by the national officers. I also liked seeing President Bush and Jerry Clower."

Robin Massey, West-Oak Chapter

"When I heard President Bush give his speech to the FFA members, it lifted me and gave me hope and pride to be an American."

Manolita Sinkler, Furman-Manchester Chapter

"I enjoyed Jerry Clower the most at the convention. This was my first plane ride and I was glad it was to the national convention."

Brandon Lucia, Furman-Manchester Chapter

"The trip was a lot of fun and an experience that I will always remember. I am looking forward to going back next year."

Jennifer Newman, Furman-Manchester Chapter

"I enjoyed listening to President George Bush, shopping with my father and Gates Barbecue Place."

Dre'Anna Williams, Furman-Manchester Chapter

"I enjoyed meeting new friends and the famous people. I thank all those who supported me and made it possible for me to attend the 64th National Convention."

Clint Plyler, Furman-Manchester Chapter

"Singing with the National Chorus was a wonderful experience. It gave me a chance to share my talents with 102 other people in the chorus. It was an incredible feeling to sing for 27,000 people and to know that you have touched someone's heart."

Faith DesChamps, Furman-Manchester Chapter

NATIONAL CONTEST WINNERS



The Furman/Manchester Chapter was recognized for its Bronze Award in the Building Our American Communities competition at the National FFA Convention. LaVerne Ausman of the Farmers Home Administration congratulates Manolita Sinkler and advisor Drefus Williams.



SCFFA delegation leaders Hugh McClimon and Earl Frick discuss the 64th convention agenda.



The B. J. Skelton Chapter was recognized for its Silver Award in the Building Our American Communities competition at the National FFA Convention. LaVerne Ausman of the Farmers Home Administration congratulates Terry Chapman and advisor Edgar Johnson.



The Strom Thurmond chapter was recognized for its Silver Award in the Building Our American Communities competition at the National FFA Convention. LaVerne Ausman of the Farmers Home Administration congratulates Edward Brown and advisor Suzanne Holmes.



The Hillcrest (Sumter) chapter was recognized for its Silver Award in the Building Our American Communities competition at the National FFA Convention. LaVerne Ausman of the Farmers Home Administration congratulates Steve Sanderson and advisor William Keels.



The McBee Chapter was recognized for its Bronze Award in the Building Our American Communities competition at the National FFA Convention. LaVerne Ausman of the Farmers Home Administration congratulates members Johnny McKenzie and Chris Parker.



Jimmy Chaplin (front) and James Bush of Beaufort High School assist in digging the water line from the pond to the fish tanks in the greenhouse.



Kolb surveys his new fish tanks at Beaufort-Jasper CEC, the result of last year's aquaculture grant.

Aquaculture Is Part of Beaufort-Jasper Coursework

"We will be ready for our first fingerlings in January," Ag teacher and FFA advisor Jack Kolb explains as he points to his new fish tanks. His program received a grant last year to begin an aquaculture program at Beaufort-Jasper Career Center and the money went into a gravity-fed system of tanks for the fish.

"Our system has 400 gallons of new water pumping from our pond into a holding tank," Kolb explains, "then flowing into the fish tanks and then back to the pond. We'll have about a thousand fish in our tanks by spring."

Kolb is now field testing the aquaculture curriculum in his classes and plans to have his program ready for other schools to visit next year. His final project is to put a surface aerator in the pond later this spring.



A pipeline connects the pond to the elevated holding tank in the background.



Kolb and his 3-hole golf course attracts visitors to the Beaufort-Jasper Career Education Center, such as this class from Allendale-Fairfax High School. Here FFA advisor Willie Capehart with five students from his new turf management class inspect the course to learn turf maintenance procedures.



Aquaculture students watch as ag teacher Jack Kolb explains the components of a HACH kit, used to test the tank water for oxygen and Ph levels.



Byrnes student Mandi Cothran, her mother Donna Davidson and FFA advisor G. P. Jones discuss procedures before the cattle show.



West-Oak's Elizabeth Burdette, 1991 South Carolina Junior Polled Hereford Queen, competed in several classes and assisted in the awards ceremonies.

State Fair Attracts Best In FFA Livestock Students

The South Carolina State Fair attracted students showing their livestock from FFA chapters at Crescent, James F. Byrnes, Wagener-Salley and West-Oak high schools. Both cattle and sheep competition brought students to Columbia in October for the week-long events, along with their FFA advisors and, for many, their families.



Crescent's Tanya Simpson gets some help from her father Steve in walking her hereford.



Crescent FFA advisor John Herron does a little pre-show clipping.



In spite of the constant work involved in livestock shows, Crescent's Meredith McGee and father Joe enjoy them.



Young Farmer John Taylor of Taylors Tree Farm, Chester, sprays his Virginia pines with green paint. The November maintenance is required on the Christmas trees because South Carolina warm winters tend to turn them yellow.

Blackstock Chapter Has Successful Auction

The Blackstock Young Farmers held a November auction that raised \$1,500 that will be used in restoring the old Blackstock High School. The chapter, which meets in the building, replaced the roof last year and plans to use the auction proceeds to replace the wiring and windows.

Advisor Tommy Gladden reports that a variety of farm equipment and household goods were donated by members and Chester area residents. A local auctioneer from Brown and Mattox presided and buyers came from all parts of state to the November 2 auction.

McKee, Pitts Get Awards At Hickory Tavern

Two local Young Farmer Awards and a video of the 64th National FFA Convention highlighted the Hickory Tavern November 21 meeting. With help from Laurens chapter members Scott Ness, J. J. Meier and Jon Phillips, advisor Stewart Glenn and fellow members put together a steak supper for the meeting conducted by president Keith Hodges.



Carlton Pitts receives the chapter electrification award from advisor Stewart Glenn.



Billy McKee receives the chapter NAPA Shop Award from Nellie Wells at the November meeting.

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